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Dear Friend May:

I have just received yours of yesterday. I thank you for the additional names of persons to whom to send the Reception volume, and have added some others since, myself — such as Mr. and Mrs. Child, Mr and Mrs Bramhall, Theodore D. Weld, J. C. Lindsley, &c.

Frank has received a letter, to-day, from R. D. Webb, which makes it quite sure that he is now rapidly on his way to our shores, as he states that he shall go to Queenstown to take the steamer City of Paris on the 7th — yesterday. He will probably make the trip in ten days, and so arrive in New York by Saturday of next week, or the next day — at the furthest, on Monday, the 18th. As I shall expect him by Tuesday, your Freedman's meeting on that evening would interfere (should I attend it) with my being at home to give him my personal welcome; and I should not like to be absent at that time. If you can have your meeting just as well on Thursday, 21st, I will endeavor to attend it — making, of course, a very hasty visit.

My advice to Mr Webb and Miss Estlin was, if they should come over to us this year, not to start earlier than the middle of May or the first of June. The backwardness of the Spring makes it all the more inopportune that they are coming so early, so far as the aspects of Nature are concerned.

It is, as you will remember, a year ago, to-day, since I left in the Cuba, with dear George Thompson, for Liverpool. All the scenes attending our departure have been vividly recalled to memory. The weather was stormy enough on that occasion, but it has been even more severe to-day, — first a heavy rain, and then for some time quite a respectable snow-storm, covering the grass with a white robe, and adorning our pines. How much of enjoyment and

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sight-seeing was compressed in my foreign tour!

In due time, R.D.W. will be delighted to see Leicester, and to take you and yours by the hand. In view of his many years' service in our Anti-Slavery cause, he deserves a most kind and generous reception among the Abolitionists wherever he may travel. As his means are not abundant, every care must be taken to make his expenses as light as possible while he is in this country. I very much regret that the division which has taken place in our ranks prevents a private subscription to this end.

Hoping to see you on Monday or Tuesday, and sending my love and dear wife's to all the beloved of your household, I remain,

Affectionately yours, W. L. G.

Rev. Samuel May, Jr
Leicester
Mass.

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